

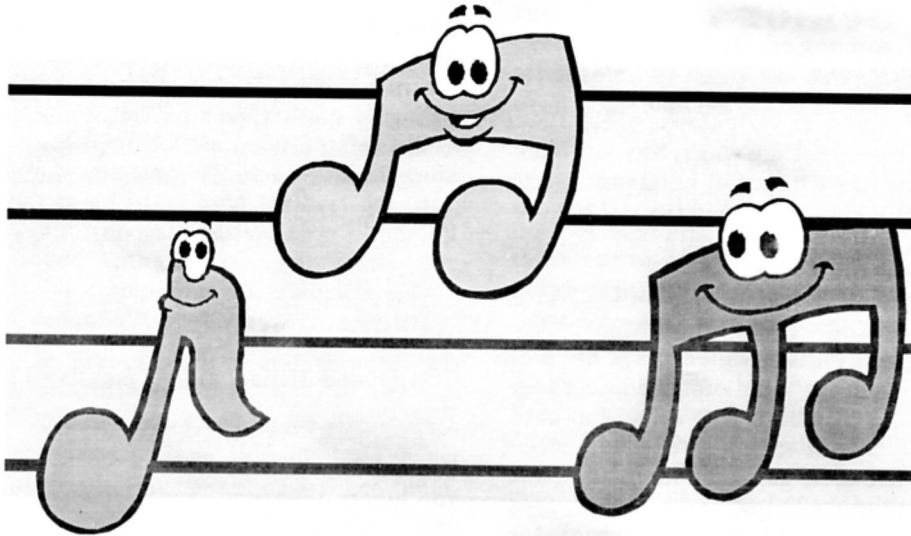


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District 2

Get-together at State Jam at Hoot's was a memorable event

The State Jam at Hoot's this year was a memorable event, especially for our District. I was particularly glad to see old friends Inez and Howard Altman who made it to Hoot's one more time. And Chloe Byrd, one of our District's Associate members, managed to make it to Hoot's again from Vancouver, Wash. Although overall attendance at Hoot's was down from last year, the jam sessions were very good throughout the whole weekend, with some that started as early as Thursday afternoon. (This was a long weekend for yours truly, as I was packing up the sound equipment around 1 a.m. Saturday night when the dancing wound down, and by 9 a.m. I was frying hamburgers in

the Legion concession at the Riggins Rodeo.) Marian and Bob Wikoff departed the activities at Hoot's a bit early so that Marian could provide guitar backup for Sharon Wolfe's fiddle students at her recital in Lewiston.

We are encouraged to see that Netta Ellsworth is again getting around and attending fiddle plays. It never ceases to amaze me how our members still continue to stay involved in spite of some very serious health and age challenges.

With the end of the school year, Fran Caward's student fiddlers in Riggins are starting the break for the summer. Working with student fiddlers is becoming a prominent part of the activities of several of our District members

who actively assist area fiddle teachers on a regular basis.

In the District Two area, there are currently around 30 fiddle students that we have been involved with, and it really is about the only way we now have to pass on the old fiddle tunes and the older ways of playing them. Actually, several of our current regular players started out as students. It is some of these folks who are now starting to pick up some of the fiddle playing load behind those who have gone from us, making it possible for us to still present an hour or more of solid old fiddle music that reflects well on our organization and upholds its main purpose.

Upcoming Play Dates:

July 4 at Grangeville City Park Pavilion at 2 p.m.

The Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood is coming up the first weekend in August, but the hours haven't been set yet. Watch for more details.

—GMS



June 19-24 — National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in Weiser.

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District 9

Musicians entertain at Senior Fair in Palouse Mall in Moscow

We finished out April on the 28th at Good Samaritan recognition dinner for volunteers. Skip, Carol, Ernie and Lou attended. I have certificates of many recognitions to display at a later jam. They go back to 1995.

On May 2 a good group showed at Bishop Place. My good friend there, Dan Goldstein, passed away in May.

Only four took care of Clark House but my what an appreciative audience. Willard, Skip, Gary and Lou gave them a diverse program which they really enjoyed.

Lee Reiber had cataract surgery. Skip has been busy planting 60 trees on his property. Daphne has delivered the cut-out vests to Karen Bloomfield to be sewed. Embroidering will be next and they should be ready for the convention.

Daphne's daughter from Alaska came for a visit. I hear she had some interesting stories.

May 9 had a dozen musicians at the

Senior Fair in the Palouse Mall. Lou's chair went off the stage. She fell backwards into a bunch of guitar and fiddle cases which cushioned the fall but created much shoulder pain. We finished the required time.

Marie filled in for me on May 11 at Good Sam.

All of the scheduled plays are well attended but with summer and camping our numbers will drop, I'm sure. Most of our members are committed and use their gas to be there and some car pooling helps.

There was 11 at the Kendrick Locust Blossom Festival on May 27 including two guest guitar pickers, Kenny Heustis and Polly. Only a little mist at parade time and a great attendance in town.

Watch your e-mail for possible changes in dates, dues and convention plans with Moscow being the host in September.

Skip has handouts for tentative schedules for June, July and August. There was no official business on May 28, due to a small turnout.

Dates in the making:

June 24 - Possible "Life on Wheels" at the University of Idaho.

July 15 - Hardin Born Celebration following Troy Old Timers Day.

Aug. 11 - Appaloosa Horse Club.

Aug. 12 - Elk River Days.

Aug. 5 - Scenic Six Show.

Thank you Skip and Carol for all your hard work.

The hardest years in life are those between 10 and 70.

—Lou Stevens

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District 7

Small group invites visitors at area plays

Hi to all, it's a beautiful day, June 2.

Our small District has been playing at about six places each month. We have any where from 5-7 people that come out to play, Georgia, Lucille, Wanda, Ray, Manuel, Woody, and Charlie.

To take some of the pressure off Georgia, Charlie and Wanda do some singing. Georgia has been keeping us going by playing the fiddle and she has had some days that she hasn't really felt like playing. We just keep trying to do our best.

We miss Carl and we miss Clint since he moved to Tennessee.

If any fiddlers happen to be in the Pocatello area on our play dates they are certainly welcome to come join us.

Our schedule for each month is:

Hillcrest Haven - first Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Highland Hills - first Thursday, 2 p.m.

Aberdeen, Idaho, Senior Center - second Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. we break for lunch, then play again if anyone stays to listen.

Veterans Home - second Wednesday 3 p.m.

Ridge Wind - second Friday, 2 p.m.

Cottonwood Cove - third Thursday, 2 p.m.

We send good wishes to all Districts and hope you are enjoying the hot and cold spring weather we've been having.

God bless all of you.

—Wanda Roper

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